

Parenting Forum – Commissioning Group Terms of Reference

Purpose:

1. To oversee the development, implementation and evaluation of Southampton's Parenting Strategy.
2. To develop a commissioning framework to implement the Parenting Strategy.
3. To work with all partners to attract and co-ordinate funding into the city, and to maximise the benefits of existing funding to further the aims of the Parenting Strategy.

Scope:

1. The support and challenge of all agencies whose primary role is working with children and young people, in their role of supporting parents, carers and their families in line with the Every Child Matters agenda and other national and local priorities.
2. The support of all agencies that work with adults to assess the impact of their interventions on the parenting/caring capacity of their clients/target population and to promote the Think Family agenda and other similar national initiatives.
3. The identification of gaps or duplication of services to support parents and carers. This process to take into consideration national guidance and local priorities.
4. The co-ordination and commissioning of existing, new and jointly funded parenting initiatives and oversight of the decommissioning of services that are duplicating provision of are deemed to be ineffective or inefficient following evaluation.
5. To offer information, advice and support to organisations including schools and voluntary bodies when bidding for funding.

Membership

- Parenting Commissioner (Chair)
- Parenting Champion (councillor)
- Representative from each of the Every Child Matters sub groups of the Children's Trust
- Representative from EYDCP

- Safer Communities Manager
- Key parenting commissioning budget holders
- Children and Young Peoples Workforce Strategy Development Manager

Frequency of meetings:

Initially every 3 months, while major changes, developments and planning are needed; then every 6 months.

Reporting To:

- Be Healthy sub group of the Children's Trust and through that to the Joint Commissioning unit of the Children's Trust.